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1. RISING TIDE OF RHETORIC IS EVIDENT AS DELEGATIONS STEP FORWARD FOR THEIR 15 MINUTE ALLOTMENT OF PUBLIC SPEECHMAKING. SPEECHES ARE, OF COURSE, GIVEN WITH EYE ON HOME AUDIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY, AND THEY ARE OBVIOUSLY MADE WITHOUT EXPECTATION THAT THE PROPOSALS ADVANCED AT THIS LATE STAGE IN PROCEEDINGS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN FINAL DOCUMENTS. WHAT IS LESS CERTAIN, HOWEVER, IS WHETHER MORE RADICAL TONE BEING HEARD IN SPEECHES OF SUCH DELEGATES AS THOSE CITED BELOW WILL CARRY OVER INTO FINAL PROPOSALS. IF RADICAL TONE WERE TO CARRY OVER, IT COULD COME IN ONE OF TWO WAYS: IN GROUP APPROVAL (AS LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR)

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OF MORE RADICAL OF VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES UNDER DISCUSSION,

OR AS A REFUGE TO CONCEAL INABILITY OF GROUP TO REACH
AGREEMENT ON MAJOR ISSUES.

2. WHILE MANY OF SPEECHES WERE MODERATE AND THOUGHTFUL
IN TONE, AMONG MORE EXTREME SPEAKERS WERE: (A) FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE MINISTER F.R. WILLS OF GUYANA, WHO
PROPOSED ABOLITION OF IMF; (B) MOROCCAN DELEGATION HEAD
ABDELHAKIM IRAQUI, WHO EXPRESSED "BITTERNESS" OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OVER IMF MEETING IN JAMAICA AND
STATED THAT MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IN MONETARY FIELD WAS
EFFECTIVE REDISTRIBUTION OF REAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES;
(C) PAKISTAN COMMERCE MINISTER MIR AFZAL KHAN, WHO
STATED THAT ECONOMIC SYSTEM BUILT BY INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRIES WAS "NOW FALLING APART" AND THAT THIRD WORLD
"WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT A SYSTEM WHICH DENIES THEM EVEN
THEIR BASIC
HUMAN NECESSITIES;" (D) CUBAN COMMERCE VICE
MINISTER RICARDO CABRISAS, WHO CRITICIZED U.S. TRADE ACT
AS PRETENDING TO FAVOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHILE IN
REALITY BEING AN INSTRUMENT OF COERCION AGAINST COUNTRIES
DETERMINED TO RECOVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES.

3. AMONG MORE INTERESTING OF MODERATE SPEECHES WERE
THOSE OF: (A) EGYPTIAN COMMERCE MINISTER ZAKARIA TWEFIK
ABDUL FATTAH, WHO PROPOSED TRANSFORMATION OF UNCTAD INTO
A CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY IN FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, SUCH A BODY TO BE AN "ACTION-
ORIENTED ORGAN" OF U.N.; (B) YUGOSLAV ECONOMY MINISTER
JANKO SMOLE, WHO SUGGESTED THIRD WORLD LINK-UP WITH OPEC
COUNTRIES IN LONG-TERM INVESTMENT AGREEMENT AS A MEANS
OF REDISTRIBUTING WORLD ECONOMY AND BRINGING HEALTHY
CONTRIBUTION TO NEW DIVISION OF LABOR.
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